THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had represented for increasing subsidy at par with horticulatural crops, which meant increasing subsidy for installation of drip irrigation system for oil palm growers from Rs. 10,000 per hectare to Rs. 15,000 per hectare, or 50% of cost of installation, whichever is less. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also sought relaxation in restriction of area from 1 hectare to 6 hectares and increase in funding pattern from 80:20 to 90:10 sharing basis between Government of India and State Government.

(c) The Government of India raised the subsidy to Oil Palm growers from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 per hectare and relaxed the restriction of area to 6 hectares for installation of drip irrigation system for the year 1995-96. Further, the subsidy borne by Government of India with State Governments was revised from 80:20 to 90:10 sharing basis. For the year 1996-97, the matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) No measures have so far been taken to increase export of Oil Palm.

Integrated Programme on Rice Development

*420 SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest location of specific high-yielding varieties of rice which are being propagated in Maharashtra and Punjab under the Integrated Programme on Rice Development (IPRD);

(b) the difference in production on rice due to these varieties;

(c) how do these varieties differ from others; and

(d) the steps to be taken to make the IPRD more effective?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD) was under implementation in the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 of the 8th Plan. From 1994-95 onwards the scheme has been modified to a cropping system approach. An Integrated Cereal Development Programme (ICDP) on rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping systems areas is being implemented. The States of Maharashtra and Punjab are covered under ICDP Coarse Cereal and ICDP-Wheat respectively with due emphasis on rice as an important crop of the cropping system. According to the information given by the two State Governments the latest tigh yielding varieties propagated in Maharashtra and Punjab are given in statement (*See* below):

(b) It is not possible to exactly quantify the increase in production/ productivity of rice vis-a-vis each variety. However increasing trend had been observed in production and productivity of Rice in Punjab and Maharashtra.

(c) The recently released location specific high yielding varieties differ from older varieties with higher yielding capacity, resistance to diseases and pests and drought/salinity, area specificity etc.

(d) As referred to in answer to part (a) the crop production programmes are taken up under development of cropping system for sustainable agriculture and increasing production of cereals including rice. To increase production and productivity, incentives for use of certified seeds, demonstration on production technology, frontline demonstration by ICAR on location

specific varieties and popularisation of hybrid rice production technology have been given major thrust and emphasis under these programmes.

Statement

Sl. No.	Variety	Area for which recommended
		MAHARASHTRA
1.	Ratnagiri-68-I	Assured rainfall region of Maharashtra lowlying areas.
2.	Ratnagiri-73	Konkan area.
3.	Ratnagiri-I	Light medium type of soil of Konkan and Western Maharashtra.
4.	Ratnagiri-2	For low land of Maharashtra.
5.	Karjat-I	BB Endemic pockets of the Konkan region.
6.	Palghar-I	Suitable environmental conditions mid late duration variety.
7.	SKL-47.8 SKL-7	Suitable for rice growing areas of Maharashtra.
8.	Panwel-2	Coastal saline soil of Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Sindhdurg district of Konkan region.
9.	Sye-I	Paddy growing areas of Vidarbha region.
10.	Indrayani	Rice growing areas of Western Maharashtra under transplanted condition.
11.	Ratnagiri-3	Suitable environmental condition required for growing late duration variety.
12.	Karjat-2	Grown on mid late to late soil with either assured rainfall & with protective irrigation part of Vidarbha region for late varieties.
13.	Karjat-3	Suitable for rainfed upland as well as irrigated areas.
		PUNJAB
1.	Jaya	
2.	IR-8	
3.	PR-103	
4.	PR-106	Irrigated Areas.
5.	PR-108	
6.	PR-110	
7.	PR-111	

Clearance of Developmental Projects

2556. SHRI LACHHMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the details of developmental projects pending clearance from environmental and forestry angles, State-wise; and

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) A statement is annexed. [*See Appendix 178 Annexure No. 59*]